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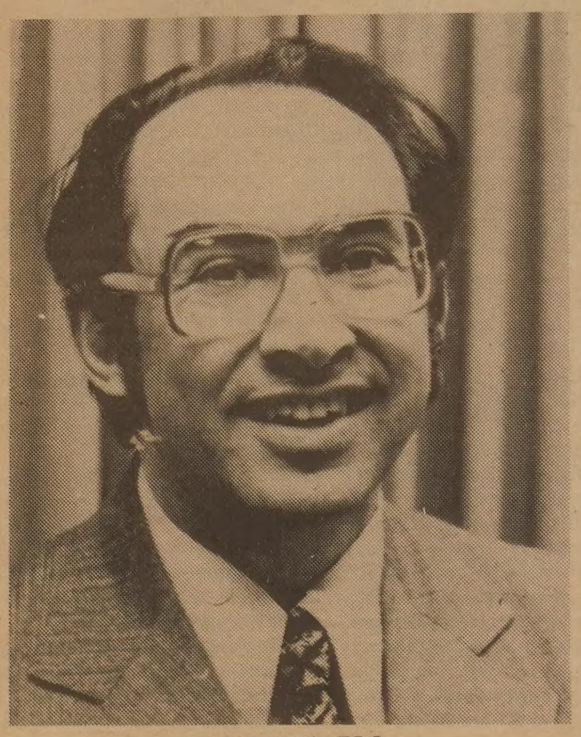

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Names three to top executive posts

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
and DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writers

A new structure of management, the President's Executive Committee, has been established at Niagara College to improve the "college's operation within directions and policies established by the Board of Governors," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said in a memo Wednesday.

The president unveiled a whole "supra-structure" of management which became effective Wednesday.

Creation of new executive posts includes setting up new directors. John Giancarlo becomes executive dean of Niagara College while remaining dean of applied arts; Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, becomes executive director of educational and student services and Gary LaRose becomes executive director of administrative services.

These three, along with Miss Robarts and Glenn Pevere, director of personnel services, will make up the new president's executive committee which will replace the former management committee. It will review and restructure all college committees to bring them in line with the new organization, under which the number of people reporting directly to the president is reduced from 11 to seven.

The new committee, helping "to move Niagara College into the 80s," affecting all schools in the college, is a step forward in the college's need to economize.

AT EVERY LEVEL

"The Resource Allocation by Priorities (RAP) process...has pointed out our need to economize at every possible level," the memo said.

Greater productivity and efficiency will be expected "from all of us."

The college is now at the "point of not being able to cut services much further if we are to maintain a modern and quality educational operation," Miss Robarts said.

Reduction in the size of the former management committee will "provide a more effective decision-making team within the college."

Another important reason for the changes is to complete the "realignment of adult training programs into the four major schools of the college."

Responsibility for the technical programs under the chairmanship of Joe Brandy, former chairman of the school of retraining technical division, will be moved from the Resource Centre for Skill Development, Welland Vale, St. Catharines, to the school of technology.

"Joe Brandy will join Frank Ciccarelli and Bill Walker as chairmen of this expanded school," the memo said.

Adult training programs in the hospitality area, co-ordinated by John Potrz, of the hospitality program in the school of retraining technical division, will be moved to the school of business.

The memo said that with the recent federal government commitment to shift the purchase of seats from the historical pattern of the Canada Manpower Training Program (CMTP), "it is critical that we move — as a college — toward revitalizing our adult training programs."

Miss Robarts has appointed two executive directors to assume responsibility for all the service activities of the college. In consolidating administrative services under one executive

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Feeling down?

Flu bug hits Niagara

By KENNETH HARE
Staff Writer

Fifteen of 21 Niagara College students who went to be examined at the college health centre during one week had various problems related to the flu, Dr. G.J. Alexander, college doctor, said.

Dr. Alexander said he couldn't say what strain of flu virus has been coming into the school and, to find out, six to eight weeks would be needed for analysis at the provincial laboratory.

For the past three weeks upper New York state has been hit with flu in epidemic proportions. That virus has been diagnosed as the A Bangkok strain and there is no known natural immunity to it.

Some of the more usual symptoms of a flu are headache, mild sore throat, high fever, and the development of a cough. If one smokes, bronchial problems could arise, Dr. Alexander said.

TAKE TWO...

To treat the sickness, get plenty of bedrest, drink fluids and take aspirin or Tylinol, he said. If complications should arise, such as an ear infection or worsening bronchial problems, a person should see a doctor who would probably administer an anti-biotic.

Dr. Alexander said one misconception that many people have is that aspirin will bring a high temperature down. All it will do is help the sick person feel more comfortable by relieving muscle aches and pains. The fever will come down as a matter of course.

"My rule is don't take anything for a fever unless it's over 102 degrees fahrenheit," he said. "For people with allergies, Tylinol should be used."

He said many people take too much aspirin and get gastric distress causing them to vomit.

People who run a greater risk of catching the flu are those who smoke or have allergies. A person with a strong resistance can carry the virus and not become ill but those smokers and people with allergies can still contract it even though it might not be as strong.

Dr. Alexander gives warning to heavy drinkers, too. They run a high risk of catching the flu because alcohol suppresses the body's defences. He said people with drinking problems also tend not to eat properly or dress warm enough, thus increasing their chances of getting the flu.

A rare complication of flu virus which young people are usually the victim is Reyes Syndrome, he said. The person who contracts it could develop liver and brain problems. It has a 30 per cent fatality rate but is uncommon among adults, he said.

Spring break trip uncertain: SAC

The spring break trip to Fort Lauderdale organized by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) is no longer definite, but it is "still pending," Tom Mather, SAC president, said.

Fifty seats which SAC believed to have been reserved turned out not to be.

Tom said SAC had arranged with the travel agency to pay when the deposits came in. When he went to pay, the agent said he needed a confirmed list of 50 names. Tom said he was not informed about needing any such list. The agent then checked for available seats and said they only had four.

"We're hung up right now," Tom said. SAC is now trying to book another travel agent, "but it's really short notice."

He hopes a travel agent can still make the necessary arrangements.

Read all about it!

Here's a scene that will be repeated every Monday morning in the lounges on the college's main campus as the Niagara News goes weekly for the winter term. Students, staff and faculty take a moment to catch up on the latest college news before heading off to class. The production of the News on a weekly basis prepares second year students for field placement with peninsula newspapers for the month of April. So popular is the newspaper among students that the numbers printed had to be increased this term.

(Photo by Claveau)

Four-week program teaches interaction

Improving the performance of management personnel through an interaction of ideas and experience is the purpose of a four-week supervisory management program held at Niagara College.

The program was started in September, 1975 when the school of business was approached by local industry who had the desire for their employees to develop stronger supervisory skills, Edward Zanetti, co-ordinator industrial and supervisory management, said.

Area industrial and operational supervisors are released from their daily responsibilities to attend the college on a full-time basis, allowing them to contribute maximum effort in a college environment. During these four weeks the supervisor is paid by his employer, Mr. Zanetti said.

The participants take such courses as: labor relations, alcoholism and drugs in industry, metrication, supervisory skills, cost analysis, current economic issues, industrial relations legislation, manufacturing organization and control, and recreation.

"Involvement is the key word" in this program. Participants learn through "case studies, presentations, and role playing." The program offers an opportunity for supervisors to share problems and solutions, Mr. Zanetti said.

Since 1975, 25 area companies "from the very small to the very large" have participated in the program - companies such as Hayes Dana, Thompson products, Niagara College, Shaver Hospital, Canadian Carborundum, Foster Wheeler, and Union Carbide.

There are usually three sessions held in the fall, and one in the winter, with the exception of exclusive General Motors (GM) sessions which are held periodically and have five weeks of instruction instead of four. The fifth week GM people teach specific courses related to the GM plant.

Top instructors are selected to teach the courses, which are carefully planned with industry to ensure worthwhile and pertinent courses, Mr. Zanetti said.

The program is running on a "break even basis." The fee is $210 for each participant with a maximum number of 16 participants. Mr. Zanetti said the demand is good and the program is usually close to filled.

Since 1975, when J.B. Mc Laughlin, Hayes Dana, and C.O. Macy, Thompson Products, initiated the idea, 26 sessions have been run with more than 425 attending.

The participants fall into no particular mould. They range in age from 25 to 60, with education from secondary school to university degrees; some have little or no experience while others have been on the job 23 years.

The program is run through the school of business and not continuing education because "it is broader than most other courses." However, continuing education does help in promotion and registration, Mr. Zanetti said.

The next session will be held beginning March 16, at the Niagara management centre, ME202.

Former NC instructor dies

Roger David Therrien, a Niagara College teacher of conversational French for five years, died Dec. 28 at age 54. Mr. Therrien, 83 Erin Crescent, Welland, was born in Sudbury and moved to Welland 15 years ago.

His wife, Marcella, is a French instructor at the college.

Mr. Therrien managed a number of major hotels and was a World War II veteran and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, Paul, of Mississauga and two daughters, Elaine, of Parry Sound, and Claire, of Oakville; one stepdaughter, Pamela, of Canadian Forces Base Borden; two granddaughters and one sister, Simone Wythe, of Val Caron, Ont.

Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church Dec. 31.

7-month dispute in arbitration

An arbitrator will be named to prepare a report within 60 days on behalf of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union [OPSEU], which represents 6,500 community college faculty members, and the Council of Regents, which bargains on behalf of the colleges.

Issues up for arbitration are salary for full-time faculty, salary for partial-load faculty and progression of journeymen to the final step on the salary grid.

The Council Of Regents has offered an increase of 8 per cent retroactive to Sept. 1, 1980 and a further 1½ per cent raise on March 1.

The union is asking for an across-the-board increase of $2,000 plus a 10 per cent increase for all faculty; an increase of $10 per teaching hour for partial-load employees, bringing their salary from $21 to $35 an hour, and extension of the grid for certified journeymen teachers to enable them to progress to Step 16 on the grid.

The seven-month dispute with the 22 community colleges, now in binding arbitration, rules out a strike. The decision to arbitrate cancels a vote by the union scheduled for Jan. 20 to review the council's final offer made in mediation last November.

Union president Heather Halpenny of OPSEU local 242 said the council is offering a $1 an hour raise for minimum to mid-grid partial-load faculty and a $2 an hour raise for mid to maximum grid partial-load faculty.

Work experience program prepares 22 retail students

Twenty-two second-year retail management students spent four weeks last term on a co-operative work experience.

The purpose of the co-operative program is to "prepare the student for total management responsibilities and provide them with maximum learning experience," Don Pearson, co-ordinator of retail management, said.

The students worked in four different areas of the retail industry with a local firm, each for one week. The local stores which participated were Sears, Eaton's, Robinson's, Woolco, K-Mart, Zellers, Rosbergs, Right House and Towers.

The students had many areas to choose from, including advertising, sales, display and merchandising, inventory control, buying, credit, collection, and security.

Six students worked in local malls. They worked in maintainance, promotion, security and administration. The malls which participated were The Pen Centre, Niagara Square, Skylon Tower, Fairview Mall, Maple Leaf Village, Seaway Mall and Eastgate Square.

"All of these firms have supported the course since its inception in 1972," Mr. Pearson said.

During their third term, the students work in one major firm such as a department store, and a different firm, such as a discount store, in their fourth term.

"Upon graduation, the student will have had the experience of working in four different operations in six months," Mr. Pearson said. "If the students have had a part-time job during school he is a highly skilled individual with excellent management potential."

Booksale Feb. 5

After the success of a booksale last Nov. 20, the Learning Resource Centre will sponsor another on Feb. 5, senior librarian Stephen Kees said.

Selling for $1 each about 200 books were sold at the last sale held in the Tecumseh foyer. The books, from the centre, were removed from the shelves because they were outdated.

Lacking time, first and second-year library technician students helping with the sale were unable to get 28 boxes of books out into the foyer to be sold.

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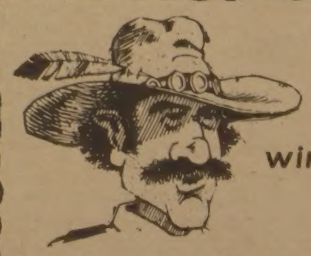

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Acting can be murder

That's what happened Friday, Jan. 9, when theatre students acted out a murder that is to be part of a tape and slide presentation for the training program of the Niagara Regional Police. In the picture the victim, Bev Kreller, lies dying on the floor after her assailant has stabbed her and fled. (Photo by Bailey)

Interacting with students 'a pleasure' for Jackie

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL and DIANE CLAVEAU

There are advantages and disadvantages that go along with every job or position, and being the president of Niagara College is no exception.

Jacqueline Robarts became college president on June 1, 1978. She said she dislikes being so "far away" from students. "There isn't enough interaction between me and the students."

One of the disadvantages of her position is layoffs and firings. "That sort of thing makes the job unpleasant." She said another disadvantage, closely related to the economic situation today, is the frustration she feels at not being able to "get things" for the students.

Although Miss Robarts said it's always a pleasure for her to be able to make things better for students, another aspect of her job that she enjoys is dealing with people. "My job brings me into contact with different kinds of people," she said. "But I've always been kind of partial to students," because she's been around them throughout her education and career.

Miss Robarts was born in Windsor, Ont., in 1930 and went to school there for 11 years. She graduated from the Brantford Collegiate Institute after Grade 13 and went to Bible school in Chicago for one year. She said she was brought up in a "narrow," religious home situation and the Bible school, because of the many different religious denominations, taught her to broaden her outlook and respect other people's points of view.

The youngest of four girls, Miss Robarts wanted to become a doctor but her father, who was in the jewelry business, didn't believe in higher education for women and refused to finance her schooling; Miss Robarts financed all her education herself.

After Bible school, Miss Robarts continued her education, graduating from the Hamilton Civic Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1954. She said she feels her mother, who was a graduate nurse, may have influenced her career choice. In 1961, while working at

JACKIE ROBARTS

Hamilton General Hospital as a nursing teacher and supervisor, she graduated from the University of Toronto School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Starting in 1962, Miss Robarts was director of nursing for 3½ years in Chatham, Ont., In 1966, she did something people rarely do — she started the Osler School of Nursing in Weston, Ont. It was a 300-student school which became part of Humber College in 1973. Although Miss Robarts wanted to become a doctor, "I haven't had any regrets in my 25 years of nursing."

Beginning in 1974, she became principal of several campuses of Humber College and completed course requirements for a Master of Education degree at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, part of the University of Toronto. Miss Robarts became vice-president academic at Humber in 1977.

Although she said there isn't much of it, a lot of Miss Robart's spare time is spent reading and doing odd jobs around the house. "I love to read," she said. She enjoys reading anything, but history and biographies are her favorites. She said she has to discipline herself when she has other things to do because if she gets interested in a book, she gets "carried away" and won't put it down until it's finished.

Miss Robarts calls herself a "homebody" and enjoys the time she spends at home gardening, entertaining friends and other things. She does crewel work and makes Christmas decorations, too. She enjoys cooking, swimming, tennis and skiing but she doesn't have a lot of time to do those things.

Travelling doesn't take up much of her time. She's seen some of the United States and Canada but has never been out of North America and, "frankly, I don't have much desire to." She feels if she's going to travel she would like to see her own country first.

As for her future goals, she said, "I don't see myself at Niagara College until retirement age, another 15 years." What she will do later, she said, depends on what's available when the time comes for her to leave. "If I had the finances, I'd like to go into something different." She said she might enjoy interior decorating or opening a "flower, card and gift shop," but said that sort of thing would be hard to realize in today's economy.

For now, Miss Robarts said she enjoys her job; she's too busy to be bored and never has two days the same; routine isn't a problem. "I enjoy helping Niagara College over its problems and helping it to grow," she said.

"I admire people whose lives are dedicated to helping other people." She said some of the people she has worked with have been "terrific role models." Miss Robarts said her philosophy on life is to help others as much as possible, to enjoy life and to "take time to smell the roses along the way."

3 French courses for Niagara staff

Three French language courses are being offered from Jan. 19 to Feb. 20 for Niagara College staff. The courses offered on three different competency levels, will be held at the Welland campus.

French I is available to those without an knowledge of French; French III is for those who have learned French up to Grade 12 or 13, and French V is for those who have taken French at university or government program levels. There is a limit of 15 people per level.

Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French Language Services, said, depending on the interest of the students they can achieve a lot in the 20-hour course." One of the students who was enrolled last year has taken a one-year submersion course in Quebec City, she said.

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, has endorsed the courses and wants staff members to have the opportunity to take them if they didn't have a chance last year.

This is the second year the courses have been offered; the idea came from a survey done two years ago that indicated staff members were interested in taking French.

French courses were offered last year in November, January, and May, with more than 80 staff members participating. Staff from all areas of the college have enrolled in the past, Ms. Vigeant said.

The courses, provided at no cost to staff, are funded by a matching grant from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State pays half and the college pays half.

Staff members are asked to contact French Language Services before Jan. 19 if they are interested in the courses. Preference will be given to those who have not enrolled in any of these courses in the past.

Students to be part of new academic council

Students are to be included on a new academic council which Jacqueline Robarts, college president, intends to establish at Niagara College.

In a memorandum to all staff outlining college reorganization Wednesday, Miss Robarts said, "It is my intent to also strike at this time a new academic council with representatives from faculty and student ranks as well as from academic administration."

A further announcement would be made "in the near future."

Enrolment at Niagara College up 13 per cent in winter term

Niagara College has a winter enrolment of 3,708 students, an increase of 13.8 per cent, John Parrett, registrar for the college, said.

The ministry of education had incorrectly reported an enrolment for Niagara of 3,914, a 20.1 per cent increase.

Overall college enrolment is 8.8 per cent, he said. The ministry made the mistake by counting apprenticeships which Niagara College does not have.

The government figures included 2,981 post-secondary students and 727 adult training students.

The audit is on the formula financing system under which money is given to the college by the government according to the number of students enrolled. The Incorrect figures will have no effect on the formula financing system under which money is given to the college by the government according to the number of students enrolled.

"All of the colleges are up, not just us; it's a trend across the province," Mr. Parrett said. "College enrolment is continuing to grow, even though there is a decline in secondary school enrolment.

students to get jobs because of the competition. Universities were up this year, too. I'd say they are in the same situation as far as the unemployment figures go."

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EDITORIALS

Football addiction-staggering salaries

For many people, the majority of whom will be males, Sunday, Jan. 25, will be a special day, because this is the date set aside for that greatest of American institutions, the Superbowl.

On this Sunday, the two supreme powers in the National Football League will beat, batter and bruise each other for the right to be recognized as the world champions of their sport. And, at the same time, millions of armchair quarterbacks will view, and live through, each pass, block and fumble, just as they have each and every weekend for the past five months.

This addiction to watching football, or any professional sport, has reached staggering proportions. And, in response to the demand for their product, the athletes involved require ever-increasing rewards to display their talents. Subsequently we have a noted football star requesting a multi-million dollar contract or he will refuse to play next season.

One begins to wonder if the public is being entertained or being made fool of. No athlete, no matter how talented, is worth $1 million a season. And if he earns this much, surely he must guarantee a supreme effort every performance.

This is not the case, however. More often than not, these pampered players turn in slovenly performances, confident in the knowledge that they have already secured their enormous salaries.

But when it really comes down to it, it is the avid fan who is to blame for his own ill-treatment by these stars, because he is the one who paid $25 to watch Roberto Duran get a stomach cramp.

John Surgeoner

Freedom of choice

Although having outlined courses that must be taken by certain programs, the system at Niagara College gives the individual freedom of choice in one particular area. Electives.

The choice, even if limited, is of a wide range of subjects but all too often, in the process of choosing an elective, people can be overheard asking advice on which one they should choose.

What is the teacher like? Is there a lot of reading? Do you have to write an essay? And the most common question: Is is an easy elective?

For many people, these questions have to be answered before their choice is to be made. How selfish these fine and studious people are in not choosing an elective they could perhaps, just possibly, be interested in. How sad it is for them that Apathy 101 doesn't appear on their elective sheets.

It's easy to sympathize with an instructor who must face a room-full of uninterested students three times a week and try to get positive responses to questions on the subject being taught. Often the answer given is a slight shrug of the shoulders and an embarrassed gaze downward.

Perhaps people should question themselves before choosing an elective, or for that matter, attending in institution of learning. Do they wish to learn something or just stay in out of the cold?

Kenneth Hare

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Bullpit

Capital punishment-the pros and cons

PRO

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

No one likes to take a life. However, somewhere along the line laws have to be strengthened and, perhaps, capital punishment brought back.

Murders are often premeditated — the murderer knows how and why he is going to kill someone, whether it be a racial problem or just plain vengeance.

The question arises many times each year: should capital punishment be brought back and would it prove to be a deterrent?

If capital punishment were brought back, would a murderer not think twice about his actions, knowing that the law would sooner or later catch up with him and his life would be taken?

It has been said that a murderer doesn't rationalize before he commits his crime; that is, he doesn't think about the consequences. The act of murder is committed quickly. Therefore, many would wonder whether or not capital punishment would be a deterrent in this case.

Perhaps not, but, murders that are premeditated, horrendous and cruel, should be punishable by something more severe than a set number of years behind bars with the prospect of freedom and so-called rehabilitation. An excellent example of this was the case in Toronto of Emmanuel Jacques, lured to an apartment of four men of questionable lifestyles where he was subjected to unnatural treatment and eventually murdered.

If one human being has absolutely no qualms about killing another human being, then it should be the understanding that if he takes a life, he forfeits his.

We are continually being told that statistics show capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder. But statistics can be manipulated. I wonder if a cross-Canada plebiscite were taken if the result wouldn't indicate a general feeling of return to capital punishment.

If someone is caught red-handed murdering another and convicted of that crime, it should be an automatic sentence of execution. There should be no avenue by which a lawyer can plea bargain and get a guilty client jailed on a lesser count. Capital punishment is not the answer for crimes of passion, insanity, manslaughter or accidental death, but certainly for murder in cold blood.

If, for some reason, a person receives life imprisonment with no parole, then many feel that is punishment enough. However, that person is apt to become more embittered as the years pass by his confinement and perhaps will become a ringleader in prison riots. If a proper penalty had been paid in the first place, later unnecessary strife could have been avoided. Possibly in-prison murders could be avoided. These in-prison murders are impossible to solve because of the unwritten law of the inmate: one doesn't squeal on another.

How easy it is to say the taking of one life doesn't justify the taking of another life, that is, until the victim happens to be a dearly loved relative. Then capital punishment doesn't seem like such a bad idea after all.

CON

By MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

Revenge can never be justified, and the most tragic act of vengeance is the taking of a life for another. And no matter how a society tries to justify capital punishment, the fact remains we, collectively, under the guise of justice, are taking a human life.

Moreover, capital punishment demonstrates a society's evasive unwillingness to grapple with the root social ills from which, via the individual, murder springs.

Social programs and penal reform, I'm sure, would be a much more effective means of punishment and rehabilitation than would capital punishment.

Whether a murder is premeditated or is committed out of passion or desperation, all, to a large extent, are caused by the individual's environment. How naive we are to expect compassion and a respect for life from a man or woman raised in a ghetto, subjected daily to utter hopelessness.

Many would argue that capital punishment is not an act of vengeance, but, rather, a means of protecting society from murderers. Well, this is as callous a disrespect for life as is murder! It is no longer necessary to take a life to safeguard life. Our capabilities of rehabilitation give us hope of salvaging shattered human beings and returning them as functioning members of society. This is not always possible however, but not to try would be ludicrous.

Finally, vengeance begets vengeance and is linked too closely to hate for my liking and it is only through compassion that we will come to understand the complexities of murder. A more difficult route? Perhaps. But let's not shrink from the challenge. We can save life rather than take life.

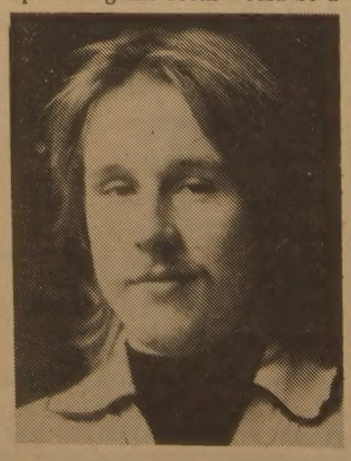
Roving Reporter

SAC's video machines; Where to put new games?

By BRAD HEATH and MARK WALTERS

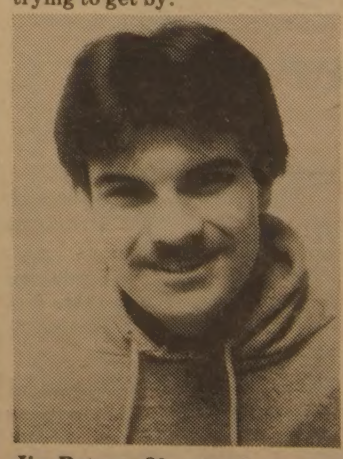
The Student Administrative Council has put two video game machines in the Tecumseh Foyer, out front of the library.

Do you think it is a good place for them? Do you have any suggestions for an alternative location?



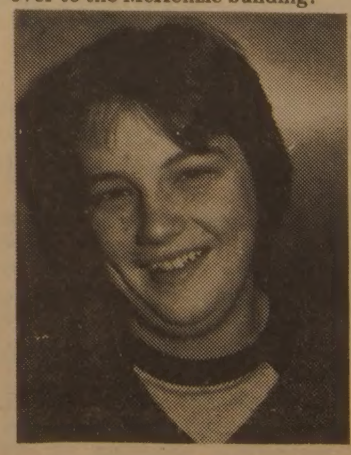
Dale Zinatelli, library technician: I don't think that's the best place for them because we already have a problem with noise. I don't think they'd be better off in a corner because they'd get torn apart. A game room would be a good place.

Simon Blaikie, 20, first-year general college: They'd be better off in a game room. You see lots of people standing around and it becomes an irritation for people trying to get by.



Jim Putney, 20, second-year law and security: I think it would be more appropriate if they were put in an allocated area of the school, such as the cafeteria, or a convenient but less visible area.

Leanne Cawthorn, 18, first-year survey technician: Yes, because before if you wanted to play them you had to go all the way over to the McKenzie building.



Lori Creighton, 18, first-year library technician: I think it would be better in a games room. You go down there and people are standing around.

Lori Walters, 19, second-year financial management: No it takes away from the atmosphere of the library.

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Profile

80-year-old fills her days, she returns to school

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

There are many ways to pass time each day. Some people sew; some people read, and some people take nice long walks. But, 80-year-old Peggy Kossel has found an educational way to fill in her days: she's gone back to school.

In July, 1980, Niagara College's Welland Vale campus welcomed a spirited and kind lady from Poland who said she would like to take Academic Upgrading to learn more about the English language

Mrs. Kossel came to Canada in 1929 at the beginning of Poland's depression. She neither spoke nor understood one word in the English language but gradually and successfully caught on in her new environment. She was so interested in learning English that it wasn't two months before she had forgotten a lot of the Polish language.

"I didn't receive financial help from the government until I was 68," Mrs. Kossel said. "I am so grateful to Niagara College for letting me have this chance."

Studies English

Mrs. Kossel studies include a complete course in the English language: punctuation, vocabulary, spelling and reading.

Mrs. Kossel lived in Poland with her husband but when the depression started they were unable to hang on to a rapidly declining business.

"My husband came to Canada four years before me as we couldn't afford to come together," she said. "He worked in a bakery and then in a lock factory."

Mr. Kossel finally retired in 1947, working only part-time building houses in St. Catharines. He died in 1966.

"We would move all around St. Catharines," Mrs. Kossel said. "My husband and I would build a house, fix it up, live in it for a while and then sell it."

Mrs. Kossel lives alone in the Garden City looking after a large home by herself, receiving visits from her son who lives in Dundas, Ont.

She attends the college every other day.

"I am thankful for my schedule because I need the time to look after my house and, of course, to do my homework."

Loves College

Mrs. Kossel loves the college atmosphere and all the "children."

"No matter what age the students are, they are all like children to me."

Mrs. Kossel said everyone involved with the college is "just great."

"Everyone's so nice to me. The teachers are so good — even the substitutes are good to me. I love every moment of it."

Not only did Mrs. Kossel go back to school to learn more about the English language but, she said, "I am against senior citizen homes. They're not for me."

She said older people should get out and socialize with the younger people. She summed up her feelings by saying she likes to live each day to its fullest.

PEGGY KOSSEL

Mrs. Kossel comes from a musical family and plays on the guitar and mandolin. If she hears a favorite tune on the radio she plays along without the aid of music.

"I have a good ear for music."

Besides music, she enjoys making her own clothes, cooking her own food and gardening.

"Gardening is a lot of hard work, but I like it when I see something growing."

She grows raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries and asparagus.

Mrs. Kossel doesn't care what people think of her going back to school.

"I like myself. I want to be me, not somebody else."

She said that if she had had the opportunity earlier in her life she would have liked to study medicine.

"I've always had an interest in medicine," she said. "I still like to read about it."

A question Mrs. Kossel likes to ask upon meeting someone is, "How is my speaking?," or "How is my English?"

It's hard to believe that it's only been a mere six months and Mrs. Kossel is more familiar with the English language and it's proper usage that many native-born Canadians.

Beauty and quality attract instructor

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

The beauty and quality of handcrafted stained glass has led Gordon Lawson, a photography instructor at Niagara, to take up making stained glass windows.

Active with hobbies that include animation, photography and woodworking, Gord said he finds stained glass a relaxing pastime that gives his head a rest.

He has been doing stained glass since June, 1980, and took a two-day extension course through Niagara College to learn to do it. He had wanted to make a stained glass window for the past five years.

The window he did in class turned out so well people started asking him to do them. He has made 12 so far, including four memorial windows for the Ridgeway Memorial United Church.

He gets his ideas for the designs of the windows from his imagination and, except for the memorial windows which were religious, his theme has been the sun.

He has been commissioned by his friends to do windows for them but the ideas for designs are his and he wouldn't want to make a design to order, he said.

Gord likes to work on the stained glass in the early morning or late evening and once he gets started he likes to work at it until it's finished. "It gives me a great deal of time to think."

One of his goals is to have a stained glass window in every window of his apartment. He finds that stained glass is a small business that offers a good market and he admires the craftsmanship.

Designing the window usually takes two hours; it takes about five hours to cut the glass, three hours to cut the lead, two hours to solder and an hour to clean the joints.

The cost varies from $5 to $15 per square foot for the glass which he gets from a stained glass window studio in Jordan.

The time he spends on each design depends on the size and its complexity. The biggest window he has made took 40 hours and was four feet by three feet.

Space invaders at Niagara!

Niagara students take time out to play the new video games in the Tecumseh foyer. The machines were supplied by the Student Administrative Council [SAC] and the company that owns the games. (Photo by Robb)

National council challenges smokers

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

Ads portray clean, fresh, natural living while a healthy young person — a winner in every way — smokes a cigarette. But the other side is never seen: the black lungs, the yellow teeth, the bad breath, and the hacking cough.

Across the peninsula people will be trying to stop smoking for one day. Jan. 21 has been designated as Weedless Wednesday during non-smoking week Jan. 18-24 sponsored by the National Council on Smoking and Health, Stan Brickell, chairman of the Niagara area interagency Council on smoking and Health, said.

There is no controversy about the facts. Each year 30,000 Canadians die prematurely from the effects of smoking. Many more live but with crippled lungs and overstrained hearts. Cigarette smoking is a major cause of emphysema, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and heart disease.

Be a winner, don't smoke, is a slogan of this year's campaign. Various projects have been arranged and guest lecturers will speak on the effects of smoking to public school children during the week.

The longer you smoke the deadlier it becomes. But it doesn't take years for smoking to affect you.

The puff of a cigarette speeds up the heartbeat, increases blood pressure, upsets the flow of blood and air in your lungs and causes a temperature drop in toes and fingers.

A few puffs slow down the action of the cilia inside the bronchial tubes. These tiny hair-line bodies normally work like tiny brooms to sweep out germs, mucus and dirt out from your lungs. One cigarette makes them sluggish and inhaling over long periods of time paralyses them completely. The lungs retain from 85 to 99 per cent of almost all of the compounds inhaled.

There are hundreds of chemical substances in cigarette smoke. Three of the most dangerous are tars, nicotine and carbon monoxide.

Nicotine is believed to be responsible for most of the short term effects of smoking. It makes blood vessels constrict which cuts down the flow of blood and oxygen through the body.

Tars found in cigarettes damage delicate lung tissue. Carbon monoxide drives the oxygen out of red blood cells. Levels of the gas in the blood of smokers is four times higher and in heavy smokers it is 15 times higher than in non-smokers.

This carbon monoxide stays in the bloodstream robbing the body of the oxygen as long as six hours after the person stops smoking.

Cigarette smoke affects non-smokers in much the same way as the smoker. Inhaling second-hand smoke is just as bad as smoking. The non-smoker is forced to breathe in smoke from the burning end of the cigarette as well as the smoke exhaled by the smoker.

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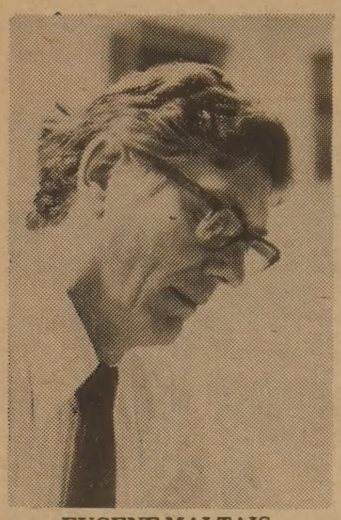
Constitution issue: three views



EUGENE MALTAIS

By MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

Proposals for patriating the constitution and enshrining within it a bill of rights by the federal government has run into some stiff opposition across the country.

At Niagara College, Canadian studies instructors could not agree on whether a bill of rights should be entrenched within a new constitution or not. However, all were agreed on the federal government having a consensus before patriating the British North America Act and all disagreed with the government's timetable.

John Muggeridge, who emigrated to Canada in 1957 from England and now teaches Canadian history at Niagara College, said:

"I'd like to see the British character of Canada maintained. We justify our existence by appealing to historical tradition which goes back beyond the American Revolution. Trudeau has broken with tradition."

Mr. Muggerridge said he agrees with bringing the constitution from Britain, however, with no strings attached—without an amending formula.

What many people forget is how effectively the British North American Act strikes a balance between local interests and central concerns, he said.

CIVIL RIGHTS

"When you start entrenching these principles beyond the reach of local interests, you're forcing communities out of their historic mold. You take away from the provinces their ability to legislate civil rights. Do we want that?"

A government can be voted out if people want different policies, however, an entrenched bill of rights in the constitution would be supreme and would not easily reflect a changing sociology, Mr. Muggerridge said.

Mr. Muggerridge said the federal government's proposals to use referenda to end deadlock in parliament is "totally un-British."

"You're throwing out the parliamentary system."

ALEXANDRA FIC

The salient feature of a written constitution is a bill of rights and this is important since it defines the rights of citizens and restricts the power of the government, **Alexandra Fic**, a general college and political science instructor, said.

Although she said she would like to see a bill of rights enshrined in the constitution, Mrs. Fic said minority rights should not be included in the package.

"Why minority rights? Minorities must not be given special rights. They should be treated like everybody else. Integration is inevitable."

"Culture must not be the responsibility of the state," she said. "It is up to the minorities to preserve their uniqueness.

Canadians could end up dividing the country territorially on ethnic and parochial grounds if emphasis continues to be placed on multiculturalism rather than building on "a strong united two-nation concept of Canada," she said.

On unilateral action, Mrs. Fic said: "Unilateral patriation is not the right thing to do." Mr. Trudeau does not have representation in western Canada and should have a consensus before moving on the constitution.

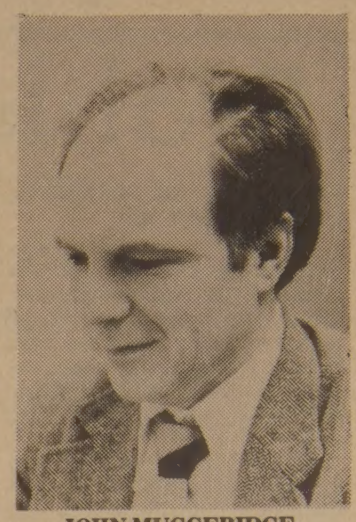
"I think it's important we have the constitution in Canada," **Eugene Maltais**, political science instructor, said. "It's mostly symbolic, but, still, symbols are important."

Mr. Maltais expressed concern over the federal government's plans and suggested another first ministers conference should be held. The federal government is acting on the promises it has made to Quebec, however, Mr. Maltais said "If you don't have a consensus, it's no good anyway."

The constitutional issue then runs the risk of becoming a "political football."

Asked about the merits of entrenching a bill of rights, Mr. Maltais said: "This changes the Canadian system of government drastically. Parliament would no longer be supreme; the entrenched bill of rights would then be supreme.

"The question is: Is it more important that we have parliamentary supremacy — rule by the people — or protection of minority rights?" The majority can sometimes be wrong and, in times of crises, not always rational and this tends to discriminate against minorities sometimes.



JOHN MUGGERIDGE

Mr. Maltais said he favors the Victoria amending formula as a less rigid formula for constitutional change. "It takes into account the realities of Canada."

Two issues yet to be decided, Mr. Maltais said, are whether the provinces will be successful in their attempts to halt the federal government's initiatives and what the British parliament's reaction to Canada's constitutional dilemma will be.

Stick with final term, gain success: president

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, wishes all students well in the final term of the academic year.

"This semester represents the end of the first year or the beginning of the end," Miss Robarts said. "Stick with it and get the assignments done."

"Students should use every avenue open to them to attain success in their programs," she said. "We are here to help students; we really do care and want them to be successful."

NC seminar on adult ed

An international authority on adult teaching and learning will be at Niagara College Jan. 23 and 24 to conduct sessions on issues concerning adult education and its day-to-day problems.

A professor with the department of adult and community college education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, Dr. Malcolm Knowles will speak on The Learning Society: Learning Through Our Lifetime as well as holding group sessions on the second day of the two-day program.

The program will start with registration Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Walnut Building, Welland campus.

Dr. Knowles served as executive director of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A. from 1951 to 1960 and has published three books in the past 10 years: Self-Directed Learning: A Guide for Learners and Teachers, The Adult Learner: A Neglected Species, and The Modern Practice of Adult Education.

Banquet to kick off year of the disabled

Lee Pullman, executive director of the Ontario March of Dimes, will be the guest speaker at the 1981 kick-off banquet for The International Year of the Disabled Person to be held Jan. 31.

The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. at the U.A.W. Centre, 124 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines. Dancing starts at 8 p.m. with live music.

Tickets for the Niagara regional kick-off banquet are $10 per person and can be obtained by contacting Goldie Filo, banquet committee member, at 735-2211, ext. 243.

Locally, disabled consumers, interested citizens and community professionals have joined together to form the Niagara 1981 Committee.

A press release from the Niagara 1981 Committee whose aim is to promote the Year of the Disabled Person in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, said "the year is intended to promote the theme of full participation, equality and solidarity with disabled persons."

The United Nations General Assembly declared 1981 as the Year of the Disabled Person.

RAP deadline beat, possible April approval

If the Resource Allocation by Priority (RAP) program proceeds as it has, final stages may be completed before the projected deadline.

In the Nov. 3 edition of the News, William Brown, a representative of Thorne, Stevenson and Kellogg consulting firm, projected the final ranking process would be completed by May 18, 1981.

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Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said Jan. 7, "We're hoping the process will be finalized, with Board's approval, by the end of April."

Graduation

Twelve students will graduate from Niagara's Hospital Orderly program on Jan. 30, 1981, Wilhelmina Ostrander, co-ordinator of the program, said.

The graduation ceremonies will take place at the Greater Niagara General in the Nurses' lounge, beginning at 11 a.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

LOUIS BERAI (Photo by Caygill)

Destruction creates life upon canvas

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Louis Berai's philosophy on art — "one must destroy something to bring it back to life," is extremely effective in summarizing his show — Colour Harmonics — on display at Hennepin Art Gallery, Niagara College, Welland, until Jan. 31.

Mr. Berai, fashion arts instructor, has created a unique, original and colorful effect by slicing canvas and oozing oil paint through the back of the canvas. Mr. Berai, who has worked on Colour Harmonics since spring 1980, said, "This is one medium I have never done before."

Mr. Berai attained much of the inspiration for his work on his travels through Quebec, particularly the Gaspe. This is the first time he has hung oil pigment medium. "An artist should not hang his own work," Mr. Berai said. "I paint in my own environment and never thought about hanging in a gallery."

OWN MUSIC

Mr. Berai creates his own music which can be heard in Hennepin Gallery. "This creates a different mood when I'm painting and creates a different feeling, on a subliminal level, when one views Colour Harmonics," he said. "The colors come through the music; they work together."

Mr. Berai's philosophy is applicable when one views his sketches which are torn apart then glued together. The result is colorful and the viewer feels uplifted.

Seeing a decided lack of color on campus, Mr. Berai said: "Look at the college — there's no color; there should be a lot more environmental color...there's no excuse for it (lack of color) in architectural design."

TRANSPARENT CUBES

Another exciting exhibit in Mr. Berai's show is an intriguing set of transparent cubes with intricate designs underneath — each seeming to change when viewed from a different angle. Mr. Berai calls them Cosmic Energy Rays.

Defining his work as color, not art, Mr. Berai said he learns by "doing and experimenting." With so much time spent at college, Mr. Berai said he finds his "mind on other things and it's difficult to find the energy for art, although I still do creative design."

Although Mr. Berai is interested in public reaction towards his work, "most art is for myself." As a creative person, Mr. Berai said: "I don't care if people don't like my work — it's self-expression."

Fashion show

Niagara's Fashion Arts students will hold a fashion show on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The show will take place in the Hamilton Room during the double lunch and will be repeated at 8 p.m.

Students of the program will demonstrate their own creations and the show will be approximately one hour long.

Wanted

WANTED:AVT Introductory Typing handbooks, second edition. Willing to pay $5 for each book. See Ann Perenack in Mackenzie Building, M8.

Three Niagara College students make living working at Star

By JIM BELYEA
Staff Writer

JOHN VLASITS GREG ROYAL PAUL WELLS

On certain nights the bar at the Star Hotel in Port Colborne is almost completely run by three Niagara College students.

On a typical Thursday night, Paul Wells, first year ERT student, can be found waiting on tables; John Vlasits, second year human relations, tending the bar, and Greg Royal, first year general business, keeps the music flowing.

John has been a bartender at the Star for two years. He has been working full-time every day except Tuesday and Sunday. He works to 1:30 a.m. and finds that it affects his school work.

"The late hours get to you," John said. "The odd time I stay home and sleep."

John hopes to work for Customs and Immigration after he graduates. "I don't want to be a bartender all my life," John said with a smile. He has a certificate in French and is legally bilingual so he is definitely qualified for that job.

"I grew up next door to a French family," John said. "I learned French from them. Not textbook French but conversational."

NEEDS MONEY

John has to work so he can afford school. He needs the money to pay rent and buy food.

"I like working with Bill Rudak (the owner-manager)," John said. "He has a good sense of humor and makes it fun to work here."

On Sunday, John goes out with his boss "over the river" to another bar. "That's when I do my heavy drinking," John said. "I seem to find myself here on my nights off most of the time." For John, the Star is more than a place where he works.

Paul Wells, 25, started working at the Star in November. Paul has no problems with work interfering with his social life. "I don't go anywhere, I stay at home and study on weekends," Paul said. "I lead a boring life."

ANOTHER JOB

Paul had another job as group home supervisor for the mentally retarded but the job interfered with school. He had to have money for books and his car. "ERT is expensive when it comes to travel costs," Paul said. "This job doesn't interfere with school. I do my homework before I go to work."

Paul studied recreational leadership at Fanshawe College but quit the course two credits short of a diploma to work with the Boys Club.

"That was a mistake," he said. "I could have used that diploma to back up my ERT.

"The only reason Paul got hired is because he has a car and we need a ride home after work," interjected bouncer Joe Devau. Paul has made a lot of new friends since he started working at the Star.

OWN COMPANY

Greg Royal has been providing music at the Star for a year. He runs his own music company, Royal Productions, and plans to be a sales representative.

"I do a lot of weddings and banquets for my company," Greg said. "I have two other guys helping me with the company so I can channel the work so it won't conflict with my social life or school."

"I played the wrap up party for the Lucifer rig movie people," Greg said. "I had the monster hanging behind me all night. They really know how to party."

When Greg is not at the Star he is somewhere else or his sound equipment is. His social life has changed since he started working at the Star, but the best change has been working at the Western, another bar that has strippers.

John, Paul, and Greg are like many other students who must work so they can afford college and life's necessities. The main difference is they enjoy what they do and the place where they do it.

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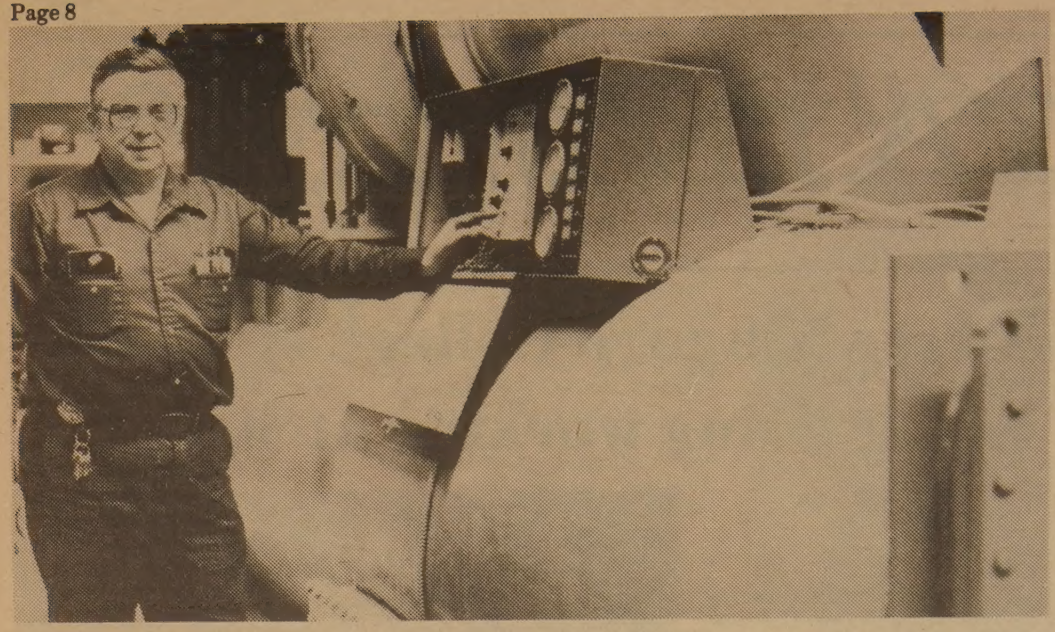

Albert Costello, plant operating engineer, stands next to the 250-ton chiller which, along with the 500-ton chiller, helps cool the college each summer. (Photo by Caygill)

Boiler system heats things up, pumping life into college veins

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL and DOROTHY CLARK
Staff Writers

Deep in the heart of Niagara College are the beginnings of miles of color-coded pipes. Pumping life into the veins we know as hallways and classrooms, this intricate heating system is unknowingly walked over each day by thousands of busy students and instructors.

People take for granted the warmth and light allowing them to work, but the immensity of the whole system, behind the bookstore in the Voyageur Block, cannot be grasped until one sees the bowels of the college. Three people are in charge of the system but the main responsibility falls on one man — Albert Costello. Mr. Costello has a maintenance handyman, Cliff Preston, and a stationary engineering student each month.

Usually the system runs smoothly at Niagara, "but occasionally someone will tamper with the thermostats," Mr. Costello said. "This happens two or three times a week." Because heating and air-conditioning work on a zoning system, if one thermostat is damaged a complete section in the college will have an uncomfortable temperature.

It cost $9,500 to heat the Welland campus in November. "There is an automatic temperature cutback each weekend," Mr. Costello, plant operating engineer, said. "This college wasn't designed for conservation but it's pretty fair; everyone looks for ways to conserve."

DAILY ROUNDS

Mr. Costello, who has worked here for six years and makes the rounds of the college each day, said it is stipulated in the operating engineers' act that a plant of this size requires a third-class engineer.

There are two 300-horsepower hot water boilers in the Voyageur Block. They accommodate five buildings and discharge water throughout the college at 200 degrees; the water circulates and returns at a temperature of 170 degrees. Mr. Costello said he tries to maintain close temperatures; otherwise the boiler would suffer thermal shock.

Although there are ways in which a furnace could break down, Niagara College has never been left out in the cold. Problems such as a water leak or a burned out motor could cause a boiler breakdown, but if one boiler failed, Mr. Costello would start the other one.

If there was an electricity loss, there is a stand-by generator, which runs on natural gas, to provide lighting. "It makes an awful noise, but it does the job," Mr. Costello said. The generator is tested every week for one half hour.

The air-conditioning comes on at the end of May and goes off at the end of September. There are two electrically operated air-conditioning units. "We have a 500-ton chiller and a 250-ton chiller," Mr. Costello said. "We try and run the little one as much as possible."

Musical talent wanted

The Greater Niagara Association for the Mentally Retarded will produce a fund-raising musical review at the Niagara Falls Collegiate auditorium, Feb. 5 and 6.

Also, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, the association will hold a "meet the director night" at Our Saviour Church in Niagara Falls at 7 p.m.

At the meeting, solo acts will be auditioned and other performers will be selected.

"What we need is people to participate in the show," Kathy Murray, talent chairman of the production, said. "It will be a lot of fun — a lot of work — but a lot of fun."

Tickets for the show are $4, $5, and $6, and available at Arc Industries, Fourth Avenue, Niagara Falls, and all association outlets in the peninsula.

Ministry restricts interested students

By KEN HARE
Staff Writer

Despite high interest among students at Niagara College, only a limited number will be allowed to attend a seminar even though it is sponsored in association with the college's institute of labor and labor management studies.

The seminar on the Quality of Working Life, sponsored by the Ontario Quality of Working Life Centre,is to be held Jan. 23 at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I got a hassle from the ministry of labor to limit the number of students to about 10, but we would like to see more students there," Dr. Eric Robinson,chairman of labor and labor management studies, said.

"The ministry official in charge of the seminar seemed to feel that as involved and interested as we at the college are, the seminar is designed for people who are in the working place," he said. "I feel that is a non-argument. For one thing, most of the students here at the college who are taking the labor and labor management program have already had some work experience, along with theoretical training, and will be working full-time in a few months."

GROUP WANTS IN

Dr. Robinson said the Niagara Business Management Association (NBMA) is one student group wishing to attend the seminar.

"They're pretty interested in renting a bus and coming out in force," he said. "If the kids are that keen on charging down there and taking part, I'm all for it. And if they pay their registration fees, there's not much the organizers of the seminar can do since our college policy disallows discrimination."

Purpose of the seminar is to introduce the quality of working life concept which Dr. Robinson said was a realtively new idea in which man, the worker, is being considered as a participant in the redesign of the job in the workplace.

"By this he is intended to attain job satisfaction, self-worth and pride in his new role," he said.

He said, in the past, the worker was just another production facilitator along with the machines he worked with.

NEW CONCEPT

Developed over a long period of years with a large number of studies done, the concept "seems to be the bridge idea between the age of technological man and the age of joint management within the workplace," Dr. Robinson said.

He said there were two ways of looking at the quality of life concept: one way is it will achieve its goal and improve job satisfaction; the second view, most controversial and of "paramount" concern to many labor leaders, is that in no way will there be any "real input" to the job by the worker.

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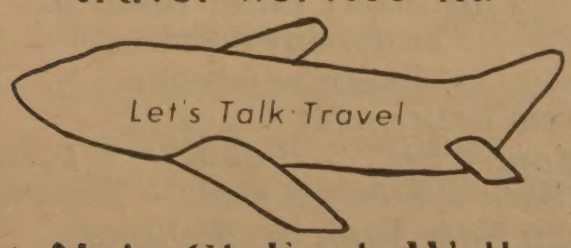

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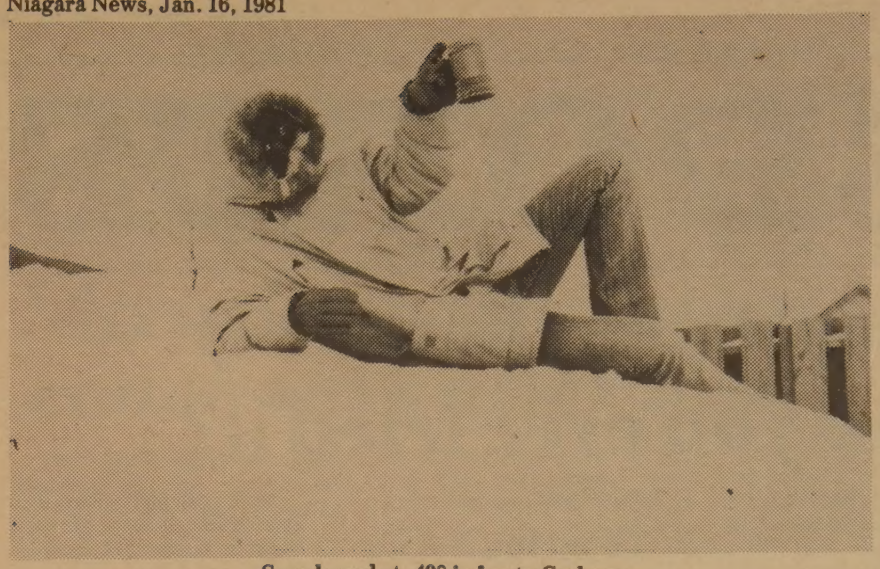

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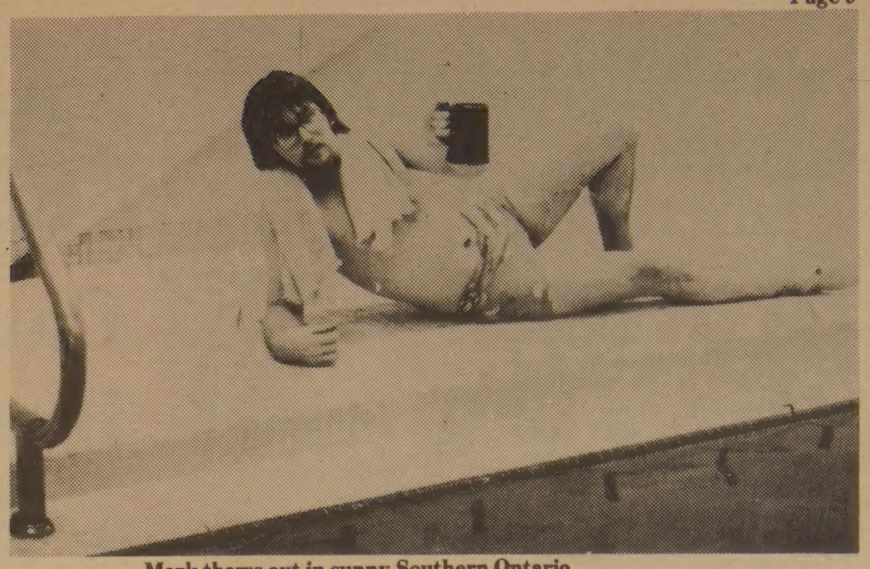

Mark thaws out in sunny Southern Ontario

(Photos by Claveau)

Finds 20-foot 'fake' snowbanks on journey near edge of world

By MARK WALTERS
Staff Writer

I am a child of my environment, born and bred in the warm womb of Southern Ontario. I love the weather here — hot, balmy summers and cold, crisp winters, the best of both worlds.

I would like to change that last line to hot and balmy summers and cool, mild winters.

Cool and mild winters? Why, it went down to minus 15 last night, you say to yourself. Bah, I scoff at minus 15 and laugh in the face of minus 20. Ours are indeed mild winters compared to the inhuman conditions our hearty, pioneer brothers to the north endure.

I should know, I am an experienced traveller in the North, (I spent 10 days in Northern Ontario last Christmas, and that's experience enough, believe me!).

I went to Cochrane to spend Christmas with my girl-friend's family, nice people, but hard to understand because their teeth are always chattering.

THE EDGE

Cochrane is almost the edge of the world; only Moosonee, a scant 213 miles to the north, is closer to the edge, and it will fall off the side very soon, I'm sure.

The day we arrived in Cochrane was nice, sunny with temperatures reminiscent of January in Toronto. What's this, I asked myself, no killer winds sweeping down from the north to carry away unwary children, no blinding snowstorms where people get lost just going to their garage?

Frankly, I was disappointed. Sure, the snowbanks were 20 feet high, but they were fake, for the benefit of the tourists. Everybody knows snow only accumulates up to one foot.

The second day was a different story. The temperature had dropped that night, but rose, I said rose, during the day to minus 45. I was stunned. And frozen.

Before Christmas we went out into the wilderness to cut down our own Christmas tree. I made sure I had an ample supply of bread crumbs so we wouldn't get lost.

SNOW DEEP

The snow was waist deep, like walking through sand. It was so cold that day my shadow decided to stay home. The tree we chose was, you guessed it, frozen. It was like cutting down a basketball pole. At least the vibrations from the axe kept my blood circulating.

They have learned to thwart Mother Nature. They plug their cars into a light socket so their engines don't freeze. I thought everybody owned an electric car, until it was explained to me.

Cochrane people have many strange customs, such as going outside during the winter.

THEY SWIM

During their winter carnival, the people chip through the ice of the local lake and go swimming! I won't even stick my toes in an unheated pool unless I'm offered a large sum of money.

There are many sports I saw that we don't play down south, beating your arms rapidly against your sides, trying to peer over snowbanks at an intersection, surviving, and my favorite, snapping off frozen moustache hairs.

Ten days up there were enough for me. I was glad to return to the steamy south.

My toes are still thawing.

Janice Rourke winner of Harris-Lowe award

Winner of the Rosemary Harris-Lowe Memorial Award is Janice Rourke, secretarial stenotypist student. A cheque was presented to Janice by Margaret Freeman, secretarial, legal and economic studies chairman, after a contest to determine the winner in December.

Mrs. Harris-Lowe was a program co-ordinator and teacher of shorthand at the college prior to her death in 1979. She had been teaching at the college since it opened.

"She had high standards and we are trying to preserve those standards through this contest," Mrs. Freeman said.

The contest was established in memory of Mrs. Harris-Lowe by her friends to encourage excellence in the writing and transcribing of shorthand. The contest was open to all students in the advanced shorthand classes and approximately 40 students participated.

Janice said the competition was a good idea and provided a chance to work under realistic conditions. She will receive a permanent memento of the award.

"Mrs. Harris-Lowe believed good shorthand could always get you a job," Mrs. Freeman said. "She said shorthand can get you around the world and some of her students did!"

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Cross-country revives

By LIZ PAYNE
Staff Writer

In a country that spends so much time looking at, thinking about and trying to get away from snow, the fact that a winter sport like cross-country skiing is becoming more popular every year isn't surprising at all. What is surprising is that very few Canadians tried cross-country skiing until as recently as 10 years ago. Perhaps the energy-conscious Canadian of the 80s has stopped spending so much time and energy trying to get away from the snow and decided to learn to stay home and enjoy it.

Ivar Noren, chairman of the applied management division of the school of business, who came to Canada from Norway in 1959, took up cross-country ski instruction in the Welland area when interest in the sport began to increase.

"For the longest time it was difficult to cross-country ski in Canada because it was hard to find equipment or an area to ski in."

Mr. Noren, who has been skiing since he was "about 2½ years old," said there are parts of Norway where virtually everyone cross - country skis. He said the climate in most of Norway is similar to Ontario's climate, except that the weather is more even. "When winter comes it stays and we don't get such bad storms."

One of the reasons people in North America are becoming interested in cross - country skiing, Mr. Noren feels, is that people are more concerned with their health, and getting incolved in exercise. It is also easier to enjoy the long winter months is you are able to take advantage of the weather.

To really enjoy the winter, and not let it get the best of you, you must learn to dress for the weather. Mr. Noren feels this is one of the most important aspects of cross - country skiing.

"There is no bad weather for cross-country skiing, just bad clothing," Mr. Noren said. "Clothing is an important aspect of skiing, especially head-gear, because enormous amounts of energy are lost through the head." As people begin to ski more proficiently they find they can dress lighter because their body is producing more heat. That is why standard cross-country ski clothing may seem barely enough to keep a person warm.

"As a child," Mr. Noren said, "I skied to school, but now in Norway cross-country skiing is mainly recreation or athletics." He said cross-country skiing involves a wide range of sports and recreation.

"On one hand it is an Olympic sport — the 50-kilometre race is one of the most demanding there is. And on the other hand you have the Sunday skier, who is just out for a stroll, more or less." He compared the different varieties of cross-country skiing to the difference between leisurely hiking and competitive running.

Mr. Noren said the complexity of cross-country equipment and skiing technique is mainly to the advantage of the very serious, or competitive, skier. "Most skiers find they are satisfied with almost any equipment as long as it fits properly."

The basic technique for cross-country skiing, he said, involves gliding the skis, the herringbone for going uphill and the snowplow for going downhill.

Equipment

Cross-country equipment may be rented through the Niagara College athletic department. There are cross-country trails in Short Hills park, between Welland and St. Catharines, and at most golf courses in the area. Many golf courses rent equipment and provide instruction as well.

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Camping in the winter — Have you ever tried it?

By JIM BELYEA
Staff Writer

The snow is on the ground and the thermometer has dropped below zero. Now is the perfect time to go camping.

That's right, camping. It can be a good way to spend a vacation or even a weekend. Many people have discovered that winter camping has its particular attractions. There are no insects, no snakes, hurricanes and usually no thunderstorms. There is little competition for campsites and not much danger of forest fires.

Sleeping is better, too. It is easier to keep warm, or get warmer in winter camping than it is to keep cool during the hot months. With the foliage off the decidous trees and underbrush, the views are more spectacular. And, with all those leaves gone, a new type of quiet can be experienced.

If there is any snow in the woods you can have fun tracking wildlife, sometimes right next to the tent door. Keeping food fresh is no problem. The only food problem is freezing. You may have to learn how to cook with your mitts on, but even this can be fun. It may be necessary to cut your steak with a saw or break it over a handy ledge, but these techniques can be perfected with experience. These small changes in cooking style are compensated for by the wonderful beauty all around you.

Dressing easier

Clothing in the winter is much easier to deal with than in the summer. In the heat of summer, there is only so much clothing that can decently be removed. In cold winter, you can always add more, exercise harder, or, if it gets more rugged, build a fire and enjoy the luxury of basking in its warmth.

In the winter you can go to places you could only look at from an airplane during the summer. Even when the snow is deep there are many ways of getting to your chosen campsite. It may be reached on snowshoes, or skis, or by snowmobile.

Winter camping is allowed in some provincial parks but most are unsupervised and facilities are limited. No fees are charged except at Sibbald Point which maintains heated washrooms, plowed roads and electrical outlets. Activities include snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and ice fishing. Regular camp fees are charged there.

It's free

Algonquin Park offers cross-country skiing and snowshoe trails. Mew Lake camp ground is open for winter camping free of charge with limited camping facilities and no electricity. Firewood is provided but visiters must bring their own water. The best part is it's free.

Some camping tips include melting ice instead of snow if water is needed. If snow is all that is available, use the pure white stuff that is down below the top layer. This country not only gets acid rain but acid snow, too.

Wrap eggs in tin foil so if they freeze and crack they will stay together. A frozen egg can be peeled just like a hard boiled one. Then either fry it or poach it. Cut meats in advance, bacon, too. Frozen bread is fine. That's how it stays fresh. Canned goods that freeze can be opened with an old knife or ax. Food cooks slower in cold weather but if it is covered during cooking the time can be reduced.

Sleeping in and out of clothes is an old subject for argument among campers. Try it both ways and decide for yourself. Doubling up in a sleeping bag is recommended as often as possible.

The main trick to winter camping is staying dry. Dampness is the worst enemy of the winter camper. The tent must be kept as dry as possible. Winter camping does not require screened windows or doors but your tent should have a sewn in floor.

Before wandering off into the wilderness have a practice run in your backyard one weekend and work out the kinks in your technique. Then be prepared for an experience that may change your whole attitude about winter.

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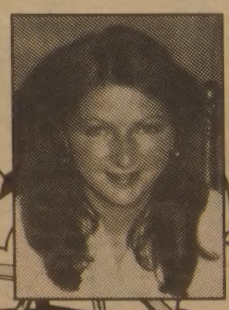

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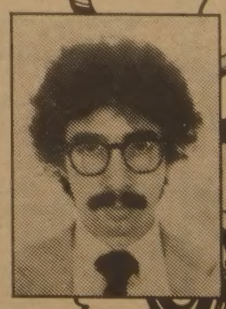

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SPORTS

'Atrocious officiating,' coach says after loss

The men's basketball team returned from the winter break to begin the new year with a loss against the Poit, a Welland intermediate inter-city team, 60-59 in an exhibition game at the college.

There was "atrocious officiating" against both teams, coach Dan Radobenko said. He blamed a technical foul he received for arguing with an official as the difference in the outcome of the game. The foul cost the team two points.

The team played as well in the opening game as they played before the season closed for the winter break; they maintained their composure and stuck to the plays, Mr. Radobenko said.

Mr. Radobenko feels the season can only get better for the team. Two new players, Scott Allan and Robert MacKay, should add some depth to the team, just on height alone, he said. "Three or four wins might help the cause."

High scorers for the Niagara team in the Jan. 12 game were Pat Morrissey,13; Bill Hand, 13; Dave Patterson, 12, and Harold Ross, 12. Marcel Balon led the scoring for the Poits with 18 points, followed by Dale Hadju with 11, Frank Tamburino, 9, and Steve Black, 6.

Niagara opened the scoring in the first minute of the game and by the five-minute mark had jumped to a 10-4 lead.

At the half-way mark of the first half period, Poit took the lead for the first time in the game but held it for only a minute. They regained the lead for the second time at the 11-minute mark and held it until the 17-minute mark.

Niagara began to draw foul shots from the Poit team and as a result scored eight points off foul shots in the last five minutes of the first half.

The score at the end of the first half was 28-24 in favor of Niagara.

Although Niagara's offence played an excellent first half, forcing the play in the Poit end numerous times and penetrating their defence, the defence was slow in getting back down the court, allowing the Poit team to score on fast breaks.

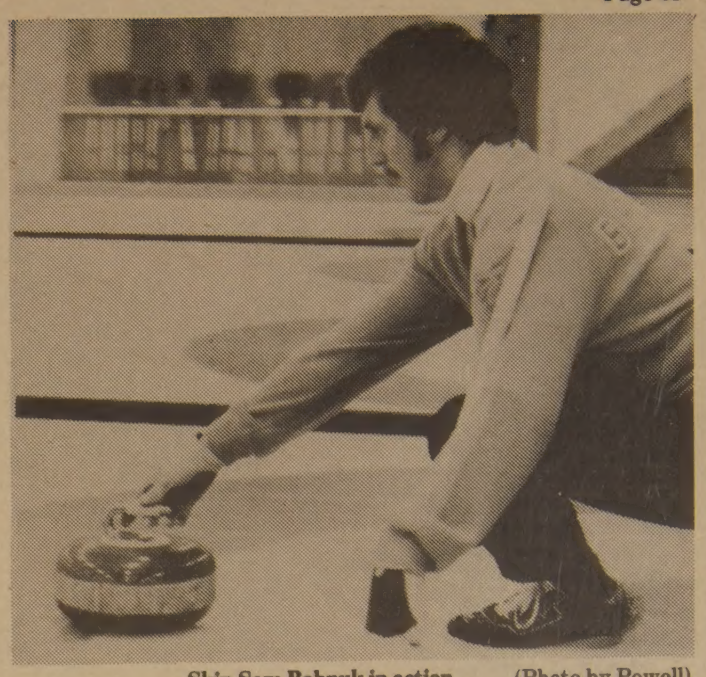
Leading scorers in the first half for Niagara were Bill Hand, 7; Harold Ross, 6; Dave Patterson, 5, and Pat Morrissey, 5. For the Poit team the leading scorers were Marcel Balon, 8; Dale Hajdu, 5; Ron Stenzl, 4, and Steve Black, 4.

The Poit team opened the scoring in the second half and tied the score at 30-30 by the two-minute mark.

Niagara's rebounding was excellent in the first five minutes of the second half but the Poits took the lead with fast breaking passes which caught the Niagara defence short handed.

Niagara regained the lead at the half-way mark of the half but lost it a few seconds later. Niagara took the lead for the last time at the 14-minute mark.

Niagara pulled within one point of the Poit team in the last 15 seconds but could not get the final basket needed before time ran out.



Skip Sam Bahnuk in action. (Photo by Powell)

Curlers win shorthanded

Competing with only three players for most of the day, Niagara College's women's curling team won their first game but were defeated in their second game on Jan. 10 in the Ports of Call Bonspiel in Port Colborne.

Representing Niagara College were Sherry Garcon, skip; Rosemary Powell, vice-skip; and Wendy Shields as lead.

In their first game, Niagara defeated a women's team from Port Colborne in a close and exciting game that had to go into an extra end to break a 7-7 tie. Each team member had to throw one more rock. Sherry Garcon made a beautiful and well executed shot which drew right into the middle of the house for the winning point.

"Both Rosemary and Wendy played really, really well," Sherry said. "I was really surprised, especially since we had never curled together before and it was their first year curling."

In the second game, Niagara, as a winning team had to play against another winning team from Welland.

ONE OF THEIR OWN

Niagara had to play against one of their college teammates. Susan Mailer, of the college team, was asked to curl with Welland for the bonspiel, so therefore had to face her Niagara teammates.

The Welland team was able to outshoot Niagara in five of eight ends, finally winning the game, 11-4.

The same Welland team, consisting of Gail Derry, skip; Susan Mailer, vice-skip; Penny Raminger, second; and Doreen Lansky, lead, went on to win the bonspiel with 19 points.

Wendy Shields was relieved to find out that in the second game, things would be back to normal and she would only have to throw two rocks. Niagara's women were given a spare from Port Colborne, Beverly Dewar, who played lead.

Niagara was bound and determined to play with only three players as Mrs. Dewar fell and hurt her ankle in the seventh end and was carried off the ice.

"I'm really impressed," Sherry said. "We played extremely well considering we were playing against teams who have been playing together on a regular basis."

Niagara's women's team competes next weekend in Galt, coach Bob Young said.

Curlers win prize

Niagara College's mixed curling team not only walked away with a win at the annual Rose City Bonspiel on Jan. 10 in Welland, but they were also prize winners for having the highest scoring game.

Playing against some tough and good Welland competitors, Niagara's team — Sam Bahnuk, skip; Lori Walters, vice-skip; John Kurish, second; and Karen Guy, as lead — were defeated in their first two games but won their third game 13-1.

In Niagara's first game on Jan 9, John Kurish had a chance to skip but Niagara was defeated 9-2.

In Niagara's second game, they had three rocks in the house, but the opposing team had the final rock. The score ended up 10—6 in favor of the Welland team.

"Everybody played well," Sam Bahnuk said. "We all had a lot of fun and there was good competition. It was also the first time we had played together."

"Karen played really well and made nearly every shot," Lori said.

Niagara's team received two cream and sugar sets for their 13—1 from the sponsors of the Rose City Bonspiel, Atlas Steel. The girls were allowed to keep the prize as only two were presented.

Sports Roundup

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wed. Jan. 14	Conestoga	away
Sat. Jan. 17	Cambrian	home 1p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 22	Mohawk	home 7p.m.
Fri. Jan. 23	Centennial	away
		exhibition
Wed. Jan. 28	Humber	away
Fri. Jan. 30	St. Clair	away
Thurs. Feb. 5	Fanshawe	home 8p.m.
Tues. Feb. 10	Centennial	home 7p.m.
		exhibition
Fri. Feb. 20	Canadore	home 8p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 26	Sheridan	home 7p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thurs. Jan. 22	Mohawk	home 5p.m.
Fri. Jan. 23	Centennial	away
Wed. Jan. 28	Humber	away
Fri. Jan. 30	St. Clair	away
Thurs. Feb. 5	Fanshawe	home 6p.m.
Wed. Feb. 11	Sheridan	away
Fri. Feb. 27	George Brown	home 7p.m.
Thurs. March 3	Seneca	home 7p.m.

HOCKEY

Sat. Jan. 17	Sheridan	home 8p.m.
		exhibition
Sat. Jan. 24	Mohawk	home 8p.m.
		exhibition
Fri. Jan. 30	Buffalo State	away
Sat. Jan. 31	Erie Community	home 8p.m.
Sat. Feb. 7	Conestoga	home 8p.m.
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Sat. Feb. 14	Erie Community	away
Fri. Feb. 20	Canisius	away
Sat. Feb. 21	Buffalo State	home 8p.m.
Sat. Feb. 28	Canisius	home 8p.m.

Cager predicts better half

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

Harold Ross, six-foot, four-inch forward on the men's basketball team, feels his performance in the first part of the season was not up to par; some games were all right, but he feels his playing was inconsistent.

Harold, a sales and merchandising student, is playing for his third year on the college team. He played five years of basketball at Niagara District Secondary School and two at St. David's public school. Harold also participates in intramural sports at the college.

If the team plays well, he can "get up" for a game, Harold said. If the team is not playing well, he can still "get up" for a game, "but it just won't be there."

When there is something to win, Harold feels he plays a better game; it helps him to "get up."

Harold feels the addition of two new players, Allan Scott and Robert MacKay, could help the 0-8 team, but does not know what positions they will be playing. "If they started with myself, Pat Morrissey, Dave Patterson, or Bill Hand we could have a starting line over six feet tall."

HAROLD ROSS

The basketball team is small in both size and numbers, Harold said. The team plays well against an opponent such as Sheridan, which is one of the top five teams in the league, but plays poorly against a poor opponent.

The team is not playing the game it should be playing, Harold said, "We could run fast breaks, but we don't." He feels coach Dan Radobenko's plays were designed for a different team. Mr. Radobenko runs a game based on patience and "we should use a fast game."

Everyone is learning the team plays and working hard on them, Harold said. "The team has to live or die with those plays."

"We'll win a few," Harold said of the second half of the season. "We could have a lot of upsets."

Condors beat Knights

Playing away on Jan. 14, Niagara College's men's basketball team ran out of steam, losing to the Conestoga Condors 57-46 in an exhibition game.

Conestoga was given several chances; therefore, they were able to open up the scoring to 14-2 at the four-minute mark.

Niagara pulled their act together by the 10-minute mark, cutting the opposing team's lead to 16-15.

Conestoga accounted for a 13-point lead by the six-minute mark but the Knights, adjusting to the press, tightened up their defence and were able to cut the lead to five.

Niagara slowly petered out, leaving the final score 57-46.

High scorers for Niagara were Dave Patterson with 25, Harold Ross with nine, and Rob McKay with eight.

Harris-Lowe Award

The winner of the second Rosemary Harris-Lowe Shorthand contest, Janice Rourke, is shown holding the plaque with Margaret Freeman, secretarial, legal and economic studies chairman. Miss Rourke, secretarial steno-typist student from Simcoe, received a cheque for $75 plus a permanent memento of the award. Mrs. Harris-Lowe, who died in 1979, was one of the first teachers at the Welland campus and was a program co-ordinator and teacher of shorthand before her retirement. The contest was established in her memory by her many friends to encourage excellence in the writing and transcribing of shorthand. (Photo by Belyea)

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director, Mr. LaRose will be responsible for all financial, property and plant operation of the college. Property and plant services, accounting, payroll, purchasing and the computer centre will report to Mr. LaRose.

OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE

The position of Mr. LaRose is "of critical importance to the well-being of Niagara College" due to the new provincial funding distribution mechanism for fiscal 1981-82 and implementation of RAP. Continuing to report to Mr. LaRose will be Doris Brooks, budget officer, and Sandy Fox, administrative assistant.

Consolidating academic support services under one executive director and maximizing contribution of people involved in these services, Dr. McCardell's new "cross-college" position is made up of four components — student services, continuing education services, planning and development and information services.

Each service will be headed by a director. D. Eugene Gillies will remain as director of continuing education services; Al Aboud will remain as director of student services; and George Repar has been named director of planning and development. The memo said a director of information services will be appointed in the near future.

"This post will be an upgrading of the long-vacant existing position." The director will assume such responsibilities as for the reprographics department managed by George Rushton; the media department, managed by Keith Lindberg; for the college telephone systems and the Welland campus switchboard operation.

Planning and development will continue to assume short-term responsibility for all developmental activities, including apprenticeship — full and part-time — under R. Douglas Campbell; French language services under Nicole Vigeant and data base developmental activity under Louise LeRoux, mathematics instructor.

"Formal planning will remain with John Muto, planning officer who is in charge of MYP and OCIS requirements."

PLACEMENT ROLE GROWS

The role of placement has increased within student services. "...expansion of this service is most important if we are to maintain our traditionally high placement levels," the memo said. "...therefore, the co-op education unit of the school of business...has been transferred to student services."

Welland Vale campus will continue to provide faciltities for the teaching of adult training programs including apprenticeship training programs recently approved by the ministry of colleges and universities. "While all four deans and many of the academic chairmen will be responsible for certain groups of students using the Welland Vale Campus...Des McCurry, associate registrar of adult training programs, is responsible for the administrative details at the Welland Vale Campus."

As a result of the new funding distribution mechanism the productivity of continuing education services will be "of increased importance to the total college operation," Miss Robarts said. W. Harry Cornett, former dean of the Resource Centre for Skill Development, will assume the now vacant role of manager of Canada Manpower in Training Program (CMITP) and will be responsible for monitoring programs conducted within the industry.

ACADEMIC PRIMACY

In addition to being appointed executive dean of Niagara College "to maintain the primacy of the academic process," Mr. Giancarlo will retain his responsibilities as dean of applied arts with a reduction of some of his duties. He will represent "the collective interests of all the college's academic areas" on the president's executive committee.

W. R. Stuart, dean of applied science and technology; H. van der Slagt, dean of the school of business; and F. C. Habermehl, dean of health sciences, will continue to report directly to Miss Robarts.

In conclusion, Miss Robarts said, "The academic side of our operation...has also been tightened, as the reduction from five to four major schools or centres indicates. The economy of scale which will result as a consequence of this general reorganization, centralization and coordination should allow us to assist the teaching/learning process. Our first and ultimate responsibility must remain to serve our students and our community to the fullest extent possible."

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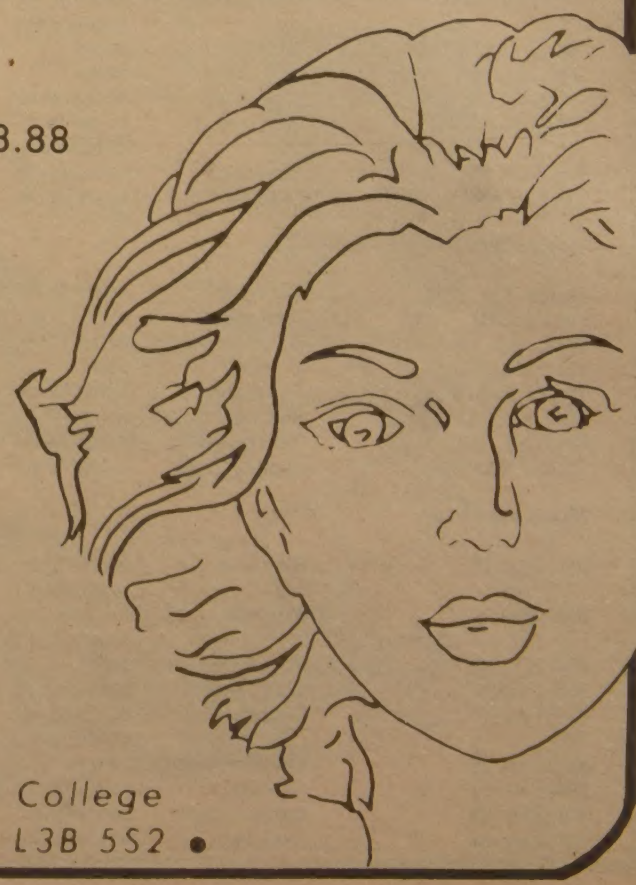

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